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1. Cyprus

a. Greece and Turkey have accepted the draft resolution proposed by the five nonpermanent members of the Security Council.

b. We do not yet know Makarios' view. He has dispatched two of his top lieutenants to Athens to discuss the matter with the Greeks.

c. The Security Council will probably vote on the resolution today.

d. Premier Papandreou's warning to Turkey against unilateral intervention, combined with press reports of Greek troop alerts and naval movements, have improved relations between the Greek Cypriots and Athens.

e. Papandreou's hope in this may be to exert more control over the Greek Cypriots and counter growing Soviet influence. He is also, of course, swinging with the tide of Greek public opinion.

f. U Thant, meanwhile, is working to give shape to a UN peace-keeping force before further obstacles arise.

g. The situation on the island has not significantly changed.

2. Rumania - Sino-Soviet dispute

a. The top-level Rumanian party delegation was greeted with great fanfare on arrival in Peiping yesterday.

b. We still believe the Rumanians want to mediate between the USSR and China--incidentally reflecting glory on Bucharest as an independent power--but there are signs that the Soviets do not approve.

The Rumanians on their way to Peiping avoided Moscow, choosing instead a single refueling stop at Omsk.

d. Whatever the Rumanians' intention, the Chinese obviously intend to play the visit as a break in the solid front of East European support for Moscow.

3. Saudi Arabia - UAR

a. The high-level UAR delegation headed by Field Marshal Amer arrived in Riyadh on Sunday for talks with the Saudis.

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b. There has been no word yet on what transpired. We think it possible that diplomatic relations may be re-established.

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d. Prince Faysal, meanwhile, has agreed to extend the UN observer mission in Yemen for another two months.

4. Gabon

a. President Mba has been unable to keep the lid on.

b. A relatively peaceful demonstration against Mba and French intervention was ruthlessly put down on Sunday, mainly by French troops. This action gave rise to a general strike which yesterday closed schools, public services, and businesses in Libreville.

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c. Demonstrators have taken again to the streets to demand Mba's resignation and removal of the French troops which put him back in office two weeks ago.

d. Our embassy reports the situation this morning to be extremely bad. There has been much violence, sacking and looting, coupled with attacks on French personnel.

e. The French, who contend they would not support a leader in their former territories who did not command wide popular backing, clearly have a bear by the tail.

5. Nigeria

a. Nigeria is in turmoil over results of a census which shows Moslems in the north number more than half the nation's population.

b. Elections to parliament, due by the end of this year, are to be based on these figures.

c. The hue and cry raised elsewhere in the country has prompted some politicians to charge fraud, even to repudiate the results and threaten secession.

NOTES

A. France - Communist China There is a good possibility of a French move to seat Communist China in the World Health Organization which meets Thursday in Geneva. Paris has already launched a trial balloon.

B. Maphilindo talks The three-power Maphilindo foreign ministers' meeting reconvenes in Bangkok today. Although he will not participate directly in the talks,

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C. Bolivia General Barrientos, who has become something of a cause celebre in recent weeks, has been named Bolivian ambassador to Britain.

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- F. Dominican Republic The Dominican government was in a state of confusion last night over the possibility that former President Balaguer is about to return from exile. He commands considerable support in the armed forces. If present civilian and military leaders cannot form a united front against him, another period of instability and violence is in prospect.

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USSR

a. We now have a preliminary readout of the second package of satellite photography [redacted]
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b. In it, what may be an anti-ballistic missile system antenna has been located some 37 nautical miles southwest of Moscow [redacted]
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c. This is the first structure of its kind we have spotted in the USSR. Its location in relation to Moscow would be appropriate for an ABM acquisition radar; so is its directional orientation.

d. Coverage of Semipalatinsk shows new Soviet preparations for underground nuclear tests. The last known Soviet underground test was at this site on 2 February 1962.

e. The foundations for two very large buildings have been identified in a new area under construction at the Tyuratam rangehead. This strengthens the hypothesis that the new site is intended for new large boosters.

f. The mission provides good evidence that initiation of new soft ICBM sites has been slowed if not halted. It at least raises the possibility that initiation of hard sites has slackened as well.

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